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Honorable John Conyers, Jr.  
Ranking Minority Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Conyers:

I am writing in response to your November 9, 2005, letter to Director Mueller concerning information from news reports that the Department of Justice is investigating absentee balloting improprieties in the recent Detroit election and allegations made by the NAACP of voter intimidation.

The FBI is already aware of these matters and has contacted the NAACP and taken other appropriate action. I forwarded the information you provided to our Detroit Office for further appropriate action on the allegations of voter intimidation and requested they continue working with the local office of the NAACP regarding any specific allegations.

Unfortunately, we are not in a position to brief you at this time, and I have requested that the Detroit Office consider this request in the future, if and when appropriate.

If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Chris Swecker", is positioned above the typed name.

Chris Swecker  
Assistant Director  
Criminal Investigative Division